

**Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science
In Person General Meeting
March 13 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

Ms. Allen-Cheng called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

By a motion that was seconded, those present in the room voted and approved the February 13, 2025, 2024 PA minutes. Thanks were given to the Hospitality Committee.

1) Principal's Report - Rachel Hoyle

Principal Hoyle reported that planning has started for the summer and next year including interest meetings with students and a Coffee with the Principal regarding summer opportunities. The Brunner Award deadlines and summer institutes deadlines are upcoming. The AP's are currently reviewing applications for qualified entry courses and updated emails will come on March 19 with a full list of approved classes; students will then have one week to sign up. SING performances (all students created musical) just took place. Both Robotics teams competed in their first competitions of the year last weekend. Principal Hoyle reminded parents to fill out the DOE School Survey. It provides important information to help make improvements to the school; also DOE school ratings factors in parent completion of the survey. Participation in the past has been at about 35%. If we reach 40% we will hold a raffle for the students and families can potentially win one of ten \$50 Amazon gift cards.

2) Nominating Committee Election

Ms. Allen-Cheng explained that a Nominating Committee would be elected tonight consisting of Jodi Solomon, Ellie Rabinovich, Ted Scalia, Haiphong (Haidy) Wang, Wendy Stryker, Patrice Smith and Rachel Schuldiner.

By motion duly seconded, those present in the room voted and the Nominating Committee was elected.

Ms. Rabinovich explained the mechanics of the election that will take place in May where a number of positions will be elected - the list of open positions will be in the PA newsletter and website. Parents may nominate themselves or someone else. Email nominations@bxsciencepa.org asap. The election will be held on May 15, 2025 in a remote only meeting. Nominations will close on April 24.

3) SLT Report - Stacy Keller

Ms. Keller reported that the SLT met on March 13 and also urged participation in the parent survey. This evening the SLT worked on goal 2 (improving the social emotional well being of students via a survey), goal 3 (improving the performance of the Discovery students) and goal 6 (reducing the gap between the GPA of IEP and Gen Ed students and increasing female identifying participation in upper level STEM classes). Since the last check in, the gap between the IEP and Gen Ed students has improved by approximately one point.

4) Treasurer's Report - Julie Chin-Tom

Ms. Chin-Tom gave the Treasurer's Report. The PA is currently at revenue of \$440,772 (of which \$123,100 is from reserves) against an annual budget of \$575k (as per the budget amendment). Expenses are budgeted at \$575k, of which actual expenses to date are \$224,775. As of the end of February, the bank balance is \$1,081,848, of which we will need \$350,225 for current year expenses.

Ms. Chin-Tom presented a bank balance analysis to explain our cash balance. We have \$1,081,848 of which we have expenses of \$350k. We have raised \$317,772 for next year's expenses and have \$413k in reserve funds for larger projects like WolverineTV and the outdoor space.

5) Fundraising - Arthur Wong

Mr. Wong reported on the status of the Annual Appeal. As of January 31, 2025 we have raised \$262,550 which is 87.5% of our goal. The recommended donation is \$750 per student but please donate whatever amount is meaningful to you. Donations can be made by text, mail or the PA website (bxsciencepa.org). Ask your employer if they will match the gift.

6) Gala Update - Gabrielle Koelbel

Ms. Koelbel reported that the Gala is proceeding on April 10 and tickets are currently on sale on the Gala website. If you would like to sponsor the Gala or donate auction items it is not too late. Ms. Koelbel announced the spring raffle for an Apple Watch; the drawing will be held at the Gala.

7) Yankee Game Update - Ashok Eastman

Mr. Eastman reported that the 4th annual BxSci Yankees' Night Out will be on May 2 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are on sale and are still available.

8) Co-Presidents Report

Mr. Wong encouraged everyone to complete the DOE survey. He reported the need for additional volunteers to help run the newsletter including logistics and organization. Experience with MailChimp and other functions is helpful but not required. Buy your Gala and Yankees tickets as well! If you are interested in running for an Executive Board position, all of them are open.

9) Special Presentations:

"How to Have Difficult Conversations With Teens"

Mr. Wong adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm